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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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In the Matter of

Docket No. 95-190

CHICAGO INSURANCE COMPANY

CONSENT ORDER

Respondent.

A market conduct examination was conducted of the Chicago Insurance Company, hereinafter referred to as "Chicago" or "Respondent", by Market Conduct Examiners ("the Examiners") for the Arizona Department of Insurance ("ADOI"). Based on the Report of Market Conduct Examination ("the Report"), it is alleged that Respondents have violated provisions of the Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 20, including Sections 20-461, 20-462, and 20-1632; and Arizona Administrative Code Rule (A.A.C. R) 4-14-801.

The Respondent wishes to resolve this matter without formal adjudicative proceedings and hereby agree to a Consent Order.

The Director of Insurance of the State of Arizona ("the Director") enters the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, which are neither admitted nor denied by Respondent, and the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is authorized to transact property and casualty insurance pursuant to Certificates of Authority issued by the Director.
- 2. The Examiners were authorized by the ADOI to conduct a market conduct examination of Respondent. The on-site

examination was concluded as of August 4, 1992 and a Report of Examination ("the Report") was written. The policies reviewed were all effective after August 18, 1987.

- 3. Chicago cancelled twelve (12) personal automobile policies for "underwriting reasons". All of these policies were cancelled within the first sixty (60) days of their effective dates. Chicago did send notices of cancellation to the policyholders. The notices did not contain a statement of the specific facts which constituted the reasons, consistent with A.R.S. § 20-1631, for cancellation by Chicago.
- 4. Chicago issued seven (7) notices of cancellation which did not inform the insureds of their possible eligibility for the automobile assigned risk plan.
- 5. Chicago failed to include a refund of the unearned premium due with the notice of cancellation of one (1) policy, #PA3-2001016, which was not financed. Chicago returned the unearned premium due to the insured two (2) days after the notice of cancellation was sent.
- 6. The Examiners found that Chicago had failed to pay the full amount of applicable title and registration fees due on three (3) first party automobile total loss claims, as follows: #10-2-3-14608, \$4.00; 10-2-3-14668, \$12.00; 10-2-3-14684, \$12.00. Respondents failed to pay these claims in full within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an acceptable proof of loss which contained all information necessary for claim adjudication, and did not pay interest thereon.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. By stating "underwriting reasons" rather than specific facts consistent with A.R.S. § 20-1631 as the reasons for policy cancellation, Chicago violated A.R.S. § 20-1632(A)(1).
- 2. By failing to include a statement in notices of cancellation which informed the insureds of their possible eligibility for the automobile assigned risk plan, Chicago violated A.R.S. § 20-1632(A)(2).
- 3. Chicago violated A.R.S. § $20-1632(\Lambda)(3)$ by failing to include a refund of unearned premium with the notice of cancellation of a personal automobile policy which was not financed.
- By failing to pay the full amount of taxes and fees required for the purchase of comparable automobiles to first-party claimants in their settlement first-party of. automobile total loss claims, Respondents violated A.A.C. R4-14-801(H)(1)(b) and A.R.S. § 20-461(A).

ORDER

Respondents having admitted the jurisdiction of the Director to enter the Order set forth herein, having waived the Notice of Hearing, and having consented to the entry of the Order set forth hereinafter, and there being no just reason for delay:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondents shall cease and desist from:
- a. stating reasons for policy cancellation in notices of cancellation other than within a statement of the . .

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specific facts which constitute the reasons consistent with A.R.S. § 20-1631;

- b. failing to pay the full amount of applicable title and registration fees due on first-party personal automobile claims
- 2. Within sixty (60) days of this Order's filed date, Chicago shall submit to the Director written action plans to ensure that all future policy cancellations for reasons other than non-payment of premium, including those within sixty (60) days of policy effective dates, comply with the provisions of A.R.S. § 20-1632. Any bulletins to be issued by Chicago in compliance with the above shall be submitted to the Director for approval.
- 3. Chicago shall provide to the Director a copy of the letter of explanation transmitting the refund Chicago sent to the insured of Policy #PA3-2001589.
- 4. Chicago shall provide to the Director a copy of the letter of explanation by which Chicago transmitted to the claimants listed in Finding o.f Fact #8 the title and registration fees which were not paid on their first party total loss claims.
- 5. The ADOI shall be permitted, through authorized representatives, to verify Respondents have fully complied with all requirements of this Order, and the Director may separately order Respondents to comply.
- 6. Respondents shall pay a civil penalty of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700) to the Director for remission to the State Treasurer for deposit in the State General Fund in

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accordance with A.R.S. §20-220 (B). Said \$1,700 shall be provided to the Examinations Division of the ADOI on or before May 31, 1995.

7. The August 4, 1992 Report of Examination, to include any objections to the Report by Respondents, shall be filed with the ADOI.

DATED at Phoenix, Arizona this 15th day of August , 1995.

Chris Herstam
Director of Insurance

CONSENT TO ORDER

- 1. Respondent Chicago Insurance Company has reviewed the foregoing Consent Order.
- 2. Respondent is are aware of its right to a hearing at which hearing Respondent may be represented by counsel, present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Respondent has irrevocably waived its right to such public hearing and to any court appeals relating thereto.
- 3. Respondent admits the jurisdiction of the Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, and consents to the entry of this Consent Order.
- 4. Respondent states that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever was made to it to induce it to enter into this Consent Order and that it has entered into this Consent Order voluntarily.
- 5. Respondent acknowledges that the acceptance of this Order by the Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, is solely for the purpose of settling this matter against it and does not preclude any other agency or officer of this state or subdivision thereof from instituting other civil or criminal proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future.
- 6. Douglas E. Boyce represents that as Senior Vice President Underwriting he is an officer of Respondent Chicago Insurance Company and that, as such, he is authorized by it to enter into this Consent Order on its behalf.

7/31/95 (Date)

CHICAGO INSURANCE COMPANY

1 COPY of the foregoing mailed/delivered this 15th day of August 2 , 1995, to: Charles R. Cohen 3 Deputy Director Gregory Y. Harris Executive Assistant Director Lewis D. Kowal 5 Chief Administrative Law Judge Erin H. Klug 6 Executive Assistant to the Director Jimmy R. Potts Examinations Coordinator Market Conduct Examinations Division 8 Saul R. Saulson Examinations Supervisor 9 Market Conduct Examinations Division Mary Butterfield 10 Assistant Director Life & Health Division 11 Deloris E. Williamson Assistant Director 12 Rates & Regulations Division Gary Torticill 13 Assistant Director and Chief Financial Examiner Corporate & Financial Affairs Division 14 Cathy O'Neil Assistant Director 15 Consumer Services and Investigations Dean Ehler 16 Supervisor Property and Casualty Section 17 18 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE 2910 North 44th Street, Suite 210 19 Phoenix, AZ 85018 20 Ruth Ann Eckert Manager of Government Affairs/ 21 Senior Counsel Chicago Insurnance Company 22 55 East Monroe Street Chicago, Illinois 60603 23 24 25 26 27

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